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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM D. ROGERS

FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC FROM USUN NEW YORK 06 DEC 74:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5780

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: AMB. SCALI MTG WITH MEX FON MIN RABASA RE CERDS

1. I MET PRIVATELY WITH MEX FONMIN RABASA AT 1:00 P.M.
DEC 6, AFTER SECOND COMITE VOTE REJECTING MOVE TO DELAY CERDS
UNTIL NEXT YEAR. RABASA WAS DEEPLY AGITATED AND EMOTIONAL
AT APPROACHING US NEGATIVE VOTE ON CHARTER. I SOUGHT TO
EXPLAIN CONSISTENCY OF US APPROACH EVER SINCE MEXICANS
FIRST BROACHED IDEA OF CHARTER. BUT RABASA
SAID "NO" VOTE BY USG WLD "LEAD
TO PARTING OF WAYS"
WITH MEX GOVT. FURTHER, HE SAID THREE TIMES, THERE WOULD
BE "TREMENDOUS" REACION BY MEX PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN TOLD
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FOR PAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS THAT CHARTER IS "SOMETHING

FINE AND GLORIOUS" FOR MEXICO. RABASA SAID HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SAY ONE WORD TO EXPLAIN AMERICAN GOVT STAND PARTICULARLY AFTER PRESIDENT FORD DURING VISIT TO MEXCIO SAID AT NOGALES THAT USG WOULD SUPPORT CHARTER. I REMINDED HIM THAT THIS HAD BEEN MISINTERPRETATION OF PRESIDENT FORD'S COMMENT, AND THAT THIS HAD BEEN EXPLAINED VIA AMERICAN EMBASSY, AND BY ME PERSONALLY. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THIS, BUT SAID 50 MILLION MEXICANS WOULD REMEMBER ONLY WHAT THEY THOUGHT PRESIDENT FORD SAID.

2. I NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF WESTERN INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES WLD VOTE AGAINST CHARTER BECAUSE OF OBJECTIONS TO COMPENSATION ARTICLES PARTICULAR. RABSAS BRUSHED THIS ASIDE, SAYING THAT SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MEX AND USG WAS FAR MORE IMPORTANT REASON TO SUPPORT CHARTER. I NOTED THAT NEED TO SAFEGUARD BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PRIVATE INCESTMENTS OVERSEAS HAD TO BE A MAJOR AMERICAN NATIONAL INTEREST.

3. I TOLD RABASA I WLD DEEPLY REGRET ANY DIMINISHING OF FRIENDLY MEX-USG TIES AND URGED THAT HE REFLECT ON THE WHOLE HISTORY OF NEGOTATIONS. RABASA SAID HE WOULD AND THAT HE PARTICULAR REGRETTED SETBACK IN VIEW OF WARM PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP HE HAD WITH KISSINGER AND WITH ME BECAUSE "YOU HAVE NEVER LIED". RABASA SAID THAT OF COURSE THERE WLD BE NO ATTACKS AGAINST PRES FORD BY MEX GOVT BUT THERE WLD BE VERY STRONG CRITICISM OF US GOVT.

4. RABASA SAID HE WLD REMAIN IN NY UNTIL EXPECTED PLENARY VOTE ON TUESDAY. I EXPRESSED HOPE WE WOULD MEET AGAIN. SCALI UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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